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FOR NEA VELIOTES FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP
SUBJ: US VISIT BY PRESIDENT SARKIS

REF: STATE 010955

1. APPRECIATE POSITIVE TONE YOUR 010955. ONE-DAY WORKING
VISIT AS DESCRIBED REFTEL WAS EXACTLY SORT OF THING I HAD
IN MIND. RATIONALE FOR SHORTNESS OF VISIT IS PERHAPS A
PROBLEM, BUT SHOULD BE SOLUBLE. PERHAPS SARKIS COULD
INCLUDE CANADA TO HELP MAKE TRANSATLANTIC HOP LOOK BETTER.

2. BELIEVE IF I PUT IT FRANKLY TO BOUTROS THAT WE CAN
MANAGE A ONE DAY VISIT AND THAT'S ALL, HE AND SARKSI COULD
WORK OUT SATISFACTORY PUBLIC JUSTIFICATION ALONG LINES THAT,
GIVEN URGENT PROBLEMS OF LEBANON, PRESIDENT MAKING FLYING
VISIT TO MAJOR CONCERNED CAPITALS AND VISITS BEING KEPT
SHORT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THIS MIGHT NECESSITATE CURTAILED
VISITS TO PARIS AND WITH LEBANESE COMMUNITY IN U.S., IF
CREDIBILITY TO BE MAINTAINED, BUT SUSPECT SARKIS WOULD
FIND THAT AN ADVANTAGE. HE WILL NOT WANT TO BE AWAY
FOR LONG IN ANY EVENT.

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3. ANY PROGNOSTICATION ON TIMING? IF IT IS TO BE DONE,
SOONER THE BETTER IN TERMS OF IMPACT HERE.
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